

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD**

USE EXCLUSION

(Acre)

CODE 472

DEFINITION

Excluding animals, people or vehicles from an area.

PURPOSES

To protect, maintain, or improve the quantity and quality of the plant, animal, soil, air, water, and aesthetics resources and human health and safety.

CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

In areas where vegetative establishment and maintenance, soil condition, water or air quality, wildlife or aesthetic values are in need of protection. This practice is also applicable in areas where human and animal health and safety hazards are present.

CRITERIA

Barriers must be adequate to prevent use by targeted vehicles, animals or people.

Barrier life expectancy must be adequate for the intended purpose.

Timing and exclusion periods must be described to accomplish intended purposes.

Materials and types of barriers will be in compliance with local and state recommendations and regulations.

CONSIDERATIONS

All areas should consider existing or potential liability to the planning agency or the landuser based on safety, health and public relations.

Barriers may consist of both natural and artificial structures such as logs, vegetation, earth fill, boulders, fences, gates or signs.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications for applying this practice shall be prepared for each site and recorded using approved specification sheets, job sheets, narrative statements in the conservation plan, or other acceptable documentation.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Barriers will be periodically inspected and remedial repairs will be performed as needed.